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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS IN THE MINISTRY OF FUEL AND CHEMICAL
INDUSTRIES?

REF: HONG KONG 3092

1. IN VIEW OF THE RECENT REPORT OF INTENSE AGITATION IN
CHINA'S MINISTRY OF FUEL AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES (MFCI), THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM AUSTRALIAN
COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR JOHN CLARK APPEARS SIGNIFICANT.

2. CLARK HAS MET WITH MFCI PERSONNEL SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE PAST
SIX MONTHS. THROUGH DECEMBER THE MEETINGS WERE ALWAYS HELD
ON MFCI PREMISES. WHEN CLARK NEXT MET WITH MFCI ON MARCH
12 AND 28, THE MEETINGS WERE HELD AT THE PEKING INTERNATIONAL
CLUB. THE CHANGE OF VENUE WAS AT MFCI REQUEST, AND WHEN CLARK
ASKED THE REASON HE WAS TOLD THAT THE MINISTRY BUILDING IS
UNDERGOING REPAIRS.

3. COMMENT: IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE THAT CLARK WAS TOLD THE
TRUTH, BUT IT SEEMS MORE LIKELY THAT THE CAMPAIGN IN MFCI HAS
IN FACT BECOME VERY INTENSE AND THAT FOREIGNERS ARE FOR THE
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